

July 15, 2011

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Comment Deadlines Established Regarding the LightSquared Technical Working Group
Report, IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I write in support of LightSquared's efforts to launch a nationwide 4G-LTE broadband wireless network. We must make the most of this opportunity to increase the amount of spectrum dedicated to broadband wireless. This will be an important step in achieving the important outcomes desired through the National Broadband Plan.

LightSquared's integrated satellite-terrestrial network will greatly increase access to wireless broadband for the 26 million Americans who lack it. The company is a long-standing satellite communications provider to the public safety and homeland security community, and the new network's ability to reach remote areas and provide seamless secure connectivity will be of great benefit to everyone.

LightSquared will allow smaller wireless providers to offer world-class service and also enable many new competitors to enter the wireless market. Competition brings innovation, greater customer choice and lower prices. LightSquared's network also will bring much-needed investment in the U.S. economy, creating 15,000 jobs a year during its buildout.

Without question, the potential for interference with GPS devices is a serious issue that the FCC must address. However, LightSquared's proposal to launch operations only in the lower band of its licensed spectrum takes care of all but 200,000 wideband GPS receivers in use nationwide. Given the United States' urgent need for expanded wireless broadband capacity, it seems that the next step is for the GPS industry, in conjunction with LightSquared, to make the necessary adjustments to its receivers to fix these receivers so all Americans can benefit from LightSquared's hybrid 4G-LTE/satellite wholesale-only service.

The GPS industry should not have been designing receivers that look into neighboring spectrum in the first place. That said, these manufacturers have had at least 8 years to develop the technology that will allow the co-existence of a high-quality L-band 4G-LTE

network and robust GPS services. The American people should not need to wait further – and certainly not indefinitely – to accommodate the GPS industry’s procrastination.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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